



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 13, 2009, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Report by the Chief Executive Officer regarding a final list of major projects and initiatives that are most likely to qualify for funding by the Federal economic recovery legislation, including a legislative strategy to maximize funding for Los Angeles County.

William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, Reginald Todd, Legislative Advocate in Washington, D.C., Burt Margolin, Legislative Strategist, and Daniel Wall, Legislative Strategist in Sacramento, Chief Executive Office, presented a report and responded to questions posed by the Board.

Kathy Ochoa, representing SEIU, Local 721, and Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas made the following statement:

“The global financial crisis is having profound effects on the local economy and is affecting all residents of the County. As the County intends to participate fully in Federal and State ‘stimulus’ programs to create well-paying jobs and public infrastructure of long-term value, it is imperative to place ‘stimulus’ funds into use as quickly and cost-effectively as possible without compromising environmental values.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, and by common consent, there being no objection (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Received and filed the Chief Executive Officer’s attached report; and

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2. Directed the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Public Works, and any other departments, commissions and agencies deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer, to prepare:
 - Recommendations for “streamlining” the public procurement, contracting and contract approval processes on an emergency and temporary basis, in order to begin “stimulus” projects as quickly as possible and to facilitate the translation of “stimulus” funds into well-paying local jobs; and
 - Recommendations for special initiatives to ensure that “stimulus” benefits are distributed in fair and appropriate allocations throughout the County; and
3. Directed the Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and Director of Public Works to report back to the Board within 30 days with draft recommendations in these regards.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Public Works